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SUBJECT: MTN SAFEGUARDS GROUP MEETING: JUNE 30-JULY 4

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1. SUMMARY. MEETING ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED GENERAL DISCUSSION OF INADEQUACIES OF PRESENT MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEM (MSS). DISCUSSION OF IMPACT MSS ON LDC'S DEFERRED. CONSENSUS REACHED THAT NEXT MEETING (MID-NOVEMBER) WILL ADDRESS SEPARATE SPECIFIC MSS PROBLEM AREAS. END SUMMARY..

2. MEETING INCLUDED THREE PLENARY SESSIONS AND ONE RESTRICTED MEETING. US DEL ALSO CONSULTED BILATERALLY WITH CHAIRMAN (COLLIANDER), SECRETARIAT (WILLIAMS), AND AUSTRALIAN, CANADIAN, JAPANESE AND EC DELEGATIONS REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF PLENARY MEETINGS AND FUTURE WORK PROGRAM. US (MATTHEISEN) IN TWO MAJOR INTERVENTIONS, DESCRIBED US DOMESTIC SAFEGUARD POLICY AND SET FORTH US VIEWS ON POSSIBLE DEFICIENCIES IN CURRENT MSS ALONG LINES OF TPSC 75-9. CONCERNING THE LATTER, US (SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, AND A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES), EMPHASIZED NEED FOR BROAD EXAMINATION OF MSS TO INCLUDE ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIX, UNDER OTHER GATT ARTICLES AND OUTSIDE GATT. IN SERIES OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, FUTURE WORK OF GROUP DISCUSSED INCLUDING POSSIBLE SUBMISSION OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS BY GOVERNMENTS DURING FIRST PART OF NEXT YEAR.

3. INTERVENTIONS BY OTHER DELEGATIONS CONCENTRATED ON DEFECTS PRESENT MSS AND AVOIDED DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF DOMESTIC SAFEGUARD POLICY. AS IN PAST, MAJOR PARTICIPANTS WERE, IN ADDITION TO US, EC, JAPAN, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL AND YUGOSLAVIA (FOR LDC'S) AND FINLAND (FOR NORDICS).

4. EC (ABBOT) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SCOPE OF DISCUSSION TOO BROAD AND, IN FIRST INTERVENTION, ARGUED FOR CLEAR DEFINITION OF MANDATE WITH CONCENTRATION ON ARTICLE XIX. HE LATER MODIFIED THIS POINT TO REFLECT GENERAL GROUP CONSENSUS THAT PRACTICAL AND FLEXIBLE APPROACH ACCEPTABLE, WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS ON ARTICLE XIX. EC MAINTAINED EARLIER POSITION IN FAVOR OF DEROGATION FROM MFN (SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES) BUT SEEMED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIFT TOWARD MFN AS GENERAL RULE WITH SOME (UNSPECIFIED) SCOPE FOR SELECTIVE APPLICATION. EC ALSO INDICATED NEED EXAMINE COMPENSATION/RETALIATION AND SERIOUS INJURY FEATURES OF MSS. EC STRESSED THROUGHOUT NEED TO CONSIDER MSS IN CONTEXT TOTAL NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE PROPER BALANCE.

5. JAPAN (MIZOGUCHI) MAINTAINED STRONG JAPANESE INSISTENCE ON MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT SYSTEM. AS IN PAST, MAJOR POINT OF

CONCERN WAS THAT THERE BE NO DEROGATION FROM MFN. INITIAL POSITION-RELUCTANCE TO ENTER DISCUSSION OF ELEMENTS NEW MSS SINCE INADEQUACIES OF PRESENT SYTEM NOT PROVEN--WAS MODIFIED TO ACQUIESCENCE IN MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING. HE NOTED NEED FOR TIME LIMITS, DEGRESSIVITY AND MULTILATERAL SURVEILLANCE. WHILE UNWILLING TO INCLUDE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENTS (VRA) IN SCOPE PRESENT DISCUSSION, HE INDICATED BELIEF THAT APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES RE TIME LIMITS, ETC. WOULD OBIVATE NEED FOR VRA'S.

6. CANADA (ROY) SUPPORTED US/AUSTRALIAN POSITION FOR BROAD EXAMINATION OF ALL SAFEGUARD TYPE ACTIONS, BUT WITH FOCUS ON ARTICLE XIX. STRESSED NEED FOR GUIDELINES DISTINGUISHING SHORT TERM FROM LONG TERM ACTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR TIME LIMITATIONS, SURVEILLANCE, CLEARER DEFINITION OF INJURY CRITERIA, MAINTENANCE OF MFN, AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT FOR LDC'S. MAJOR EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR MECHANISM TO AVOID COMPENSATION/ RETLAIATION WHEN SAFEGUARD ACTIONS FULLY JUSTIFIED.

7. AUSTRALIA (WARWICK-SMITH) CONTINUED PRESSURE FOR WIDE-RANGING EXAMINATION, BUT DID NOT PRESS SECRETARIAT FOR ADDITIONAL ELABORATION OF DOCUMENTAION PROVIDED PER PREVIOUS REQUEST. THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS WHICH HE EMPHASIZED WERE: (A) NEED FOR "TRANSPAR-ENCY", NAMELY, THAT SAFEGUARD ACTIONS TAKEN INWHATEVER FORM BE MADE PUBLIC AND VISIBLE AND MAINTAIN EQUAL OBLIGATIONS FOR TRADE LIBERALIZATION; (B) MSS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR BALANCE OF OBLIGATION BETWEEN EXPORTER AND IMPORTER FOR ORDERLY GROWTH OF TRADE; AND (C) MSS SHOULD ENCOMPASS MECHANISM TO LIMIT TRADE DIVERSION ASPECTS OF IMPORT RELIEF ACTIONS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

8. BRAZIL AND YUGOSLAVIA SPOKE FOR LDC'S TAKING MODERATE LINE WHILE CONTINUING PRESSURE FOR DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT. BRAZIL PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN ITS PRAGMATIC APPROACH DURING PRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION, IN AVOIDING INSISTENCE THAT LDC ISSUE BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST PRIORITY, AND IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR US POSITION ON FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.

9. FINLAND, ON BEHALF OF NORDICS, SUPPORTED EC ON SCOPE OF DISCUSSION BUT WAS IN VANGUARD OF THOSE FAVORING BRAOD DEROGATION FROM MFN. FINN WAS ONLY DELEGATE SUCCESSFUL IN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION. SECRETARIAT, AT HIS REQUEST, WILL TAKE PRELIMINARY, EXPLORATORY AND TENTATIVE EXAMINATION OF MULTILATERAL SURVEILLANCE BODIES CURRENTLY IN EXISTENCE IN THE TRADE/ECONOMIC FIELD.

10. PROCEDURAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING FUTURE WORK PROGRAM LARGELY WORKED OUT IN INFORMAL (RESTRICTED) MEETING. NEXT MEETING OF GROUP (SCHEDULED FOR ONE WEEK EITHER THE SECOND OR THIRD WEEK IN

NOVEMBER) WILL EXAMINE IN DETAIL AND POINT BY POINT A LIST OF SPECIFIC ISSUES SUGGESTED BY CHAIRMAN ON BASIS DISCUSSION TO DATE. FINAL PLENARY MODIFIED CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSED AGENDA TO INCORPORATE TOKYO DECLARATION WORKING ON QUESTION RELATING TO LDC'S. ALSO, FINAL TEXT INCLUDES QUESTION PROPOSED BY US ON NEED FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC PROCEDURES PRIOR TO IMPOSITION OF IMPORT RESTRAINTS. JAPAN ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO BLOCK INCLUSION OF THIS QUESTION. DISCUSSION OF FINAL CHANGE RELATING TO SCOPE OF EXAMINATION ELICITED CLEAR SUPPORT OF SEVERAL LATIN AMERICANS, AS WELL AS CANADA, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND, FOR BROADER INTERPRETQTION FAVORED BY US.

11. IN HIS SUMMING UP (BEING SENT SEPTWL WITH AGENDA REFERRED TO IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPH) THE CHAIRMAN ACCURATELY REFLECTED GROUP'S CONTINUING DIVISION REGARDING SCOPE OF EXAMINATION AND ADEQUACY OF PRESENT MSS. WITH REFERENCE TO AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING, HE STRESSED THAT THE AGENDA WAS NOT EXHAUSTIVE, ESTABLISHED NO PRIORITIES, WAS NOT PREJUDICIAL TO THE SUBSTANTIVE POSITION OF ANY DELEGATION, WAS NOT PREJUDICIAL TO THE ADEQUACY OR INADEQUACY OF THE CURRENT MSS, AND DID NOT PRECLUDE ADDITION BY ANY DELEGATION OF FURTHER POINTS FOR DISCUSSION. GROUP AGREED CHAIRMAN WOULD MAKE ORAL REPORT TO THE TNC BASED ON SUMMATIONS OF APRIL AND CURRENT MEETINGS. MCNAMARA

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